PHILIP MORRIS RESPONSE TO FILING OF ETS LAWSUIT IN MIAMI, FLORIDA

The environmental tobacco smoke lawsuit filed against some members of the tobacco industry in Dade County (Miami), Florida State Court, is without merit. The lawsuit seeks compensation for injuries allegedly sustained by flight attendants as a result of exposure to environmental tobacco smoke found in airline cabins before the airline smoking ban went into effect. This lawsuit seeks to capitalize on the recent publicity surrounding environmental tobacco smoke.

Before this lawsuit is allowed to proceed as a class action, court approval must be obtained. That has not happened and Philip Morris will vigorously oppose any such effort and will vigorously defend this lawsuit. No appropriate class exists and court rules do not permit a class action in a case such as this. Philip Morris expects to prevail on this issue and in this lawsuit.

Philip Morris does not believe that the scientific claims made about environmental tobacco smoke will withstand judicial scrutiny. They are, simply put, without scientific merit.

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